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FROM

THE SECRETARY

PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT:

BEGIN MESSAGE:

THE ISRAELI NEGOTIATING GROUP THIS HORNING REJECTED COMPLETELY THE LATEST SYRIAM PROPOSAL ON THINNING OUT OF ZONES. THE SYRIAMS PROPOSE A 6-16 KILOMETER BELT ON EACH SIDE WITH STRICTLY LIMITED FORCES. THE ISRAELIS INSIST THAT ALL ARTILLERY AND SURFACE TO AIR HISSILES BE HOVED BACK TWENTY-FIVE KILOMETERS OUT OF RANGE OF ISRAELI FORWARD POSTIONS. THIS WOULD REQUIRE A HASSIVE REDEPLOYMENT OF SYRIAM FORCES WHICH ASSAD FEELS HE WOULD NOT SURVIVE POLITICALLY.

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HY ASSESSMENT IS THAT THE ISRAELIS ARE ASKING THE SYRIANS TO PROTECT ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS ON THE GOLAN HEIGHTS ESTABLISHED IN VIOLATION OF EXISTING RESOLUTIONS AND NEVER RECOGNIZED BY THE U.S. HO SYRIAN PRESIDENT CAN ACCEPT THIS. THE SETTLEMENTS UNDER THE SYRIAN SCHENE WOULD BE NO MORE VULNERABLE THAN THEY WERE BEFORE OCTOBER 6 OR FOR THAT MATTER THAN THEY

State Dept. review completed

UNLESS THE SYRIANS CAVE TODAY I SMALL THEREFORE RECESS.
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THERE IS A SLIGHT CHANCE THAT THE ISRAELIS MAY RECONSIDER BUT IT WOULD REQUIRE A STIFF PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE BELIVERED IN WASHINGTON BEFORE THE END OF BUSINESS TODAY IN WASHINGTON.

ON-FILE NSC RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS APPLY

END OF MESSAGE

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TO: GENERAL SCOWCROFT

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Please pass the following message to the President: BEGIN MESSAGE:

The Israeli negotiating group this maximi morning rejected completely the latest Syrian proposal on thinning out of zones. The Syrians propose a 6-10 kilometer belt in on each side with strictly limited forces. The Israelis insist that all artillery and surface to air missiles be moved back twenty-five kilometers we out of range of Israeli forward positions. This would require a massive redeployment of Syrian forces which Assad feels he would not survive politically.

My assessment is that the Israelis are asking the Syrians to protect Israeli settlements on the Golan Heights established in violation of existing resolutions and never recognized by the U.S. No Syrian president can accept this. The settlements under the Syrian scheme would be no more vulnerable than any they were before October 6 or for that matter than they are today.

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There is a slight chance that the Israelis may reconsider but it would require a stiff Presidential message delivered in Washington before the end of business today in Washington.

END OF MESSAGE

Please also stress to Haig.

Warm regards

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